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SUBJ: ETHIOPIAN ACCEPTS SOMALI DROUGHT "DETENTE" IN PRINCIPLE

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1. SOMALI COUNSELOR GARAD TOLD EMBOFF JANUARY 24 THAT THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT HAD AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO COOPERATE WITH THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT ON DROUGHT RELIEF. HOWEVER, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT HAS BEEN POSTPONED BECAUSE THE SOMALI AMBASSADOR, WHO RECENTLY RETURNED FROM MOGADISCIO, HAS BEEN UNABLE TO SEE R&R COMMISSIONER SHEMELIS OR HIS DEPUTY, BOTH OF WHOM HAVE REPORTEDLY BEEN ABSENT FROM ADDIS FOR THE PAST FEW DAYS.

2. GARAD SAID THAT AS SOON AS THE SOMALIS COULD DISCUSS THE MECHANICS OF WORKING TOGETHER WITH ATO SHEMELIS, THERE WOULD LIKELY BE A MEETING BETWEEN ETHIOPIAN AND SOMALI OFFICIALS ON OR NEAR THE BORDER.

3. IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUESTION, GARAD SAID THAT THE ETHIOPIANS CONTINUED TO HOLD SLIGHTLY OVER 20 SOMALI TRUCKS (NOT 400 AS HE HAD PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IN REFTEL) WHICH HAD BEEN SEIZED.

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